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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PORTION OF THE ANDREOTTI VISIT

REF: A) ROME 10845; B) ROME 11013

FOLLOWING ARE DEPT'S COMMENTS REGARDING CULTURAL PORTION OF
EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS FOR ANDREOTTI VISIT:

1. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE EMBASSY'S MOTIVATIONS FOR SUG-
GESTING THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES PLEDGE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
FOR THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM, THE FY 77 AND FY 78 CU
BUDGET LEVELS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE SPECIFIC PLEDGE
OF EXPANDED RESOURCE ALLOCATION. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONSIDER-
ING USING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN A STATEMENT WHICH MAY
BE USED DURING THE VISIT:

THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER DISCUSSED OTHER AREAS
WHERE FUTURE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD
LEAD TO IMMEDIATE RESULTS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT, INCLUDING...

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THE EXPANSION OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES...

2. THE EMBASSY HAS MENTIONED ITALIAN INTEREST (REFTEL B) IN
A U.S. VISIT FOR ITALIAN REGIONAL RESEARCH DIRECTORS. WE
ARE WILLING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH A VISIT AND COULD

ANNOUNCE IT DURING VISIT IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT APPROPRI-

ATE. YOU ALSO DISCUSSED A MAJOR SEMINAR ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUTH. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CO-SPONSOR SUCH A SEMINAR AND IT COULD ALSO BE ANNOUNCED IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT DESIRABLE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY.

4. POMPEII 79 EXHIBITION AND CHICAGO SYMPHONY AT LA SCALA WILL BE COVERED SEPTELS. VANCE

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